

# House File 2042 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC  
GROWTH/REBUILD IOWA

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 503)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring jobs impact statements for administrative  
2 rules.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION. 17A.4B Job impact statement.

2     1. a. "*Benefit*" means the reasonably identifiable and  
3 quantifiable positive effect or outcome that is expected to  
4 result from implementation of a rule.

5     b. "*Cost*" means reasonably identifiable, significant, direct  
6 or indirect, economic impact that is expected to result from  
7 implementation of and compliance with a rule.

8     c. "*Cost-benefit analysis*" means regulatory analysis  
9 to provide the public with transparency regarding the  
10 cost-effectiveness of a rule, including the economic costs and  
11 the effectiveness weighed by the agency in adopting the rule.  
12 "*Cost-benefit analysis*" includes a comparison of the probable  
13 costs and benefits of a rule to the probable costs and benefits  
14 of less intrusive or less expensive methods that exist for  
15 achieving the purpose of the rule.

16     d. "*Jobs*" means private sector employment including  
17 self-employment and areas for potential for employment growth.

18     e. "*Jobs impact statement*" means a statement that does all  
19 of the following:

20       (1) Identifies the objective of a rule and the applicable  
21 section of the statute that provides specific legal authority  
22 for the agency to adopt the rule.

23       (2) Identifies and describes the cost that the agency  
24 anticipates state agencies, local governments, the public, and  
25 the regulated entities, including regulated businesses and  
26 self-employed individuals, will incur due to the implementation  
27 of and complying with a rule.

28       (3) Determines whether a rule would have a positive  
29 or negative impact on private sector jobs and employment  
30 opportunities in Iowa.

31       (4) Describes and quantifies the nature of the impact a rule  
32 will have on private sector jobs and employment opportunities  
33 including the categories of jobs and employment opportunities  
34 that are affected by the rule, and the number of jobs or  
35 potential job opportunities and the regions of the state

1 affected by the rule.

2 (5) Identifies, where possible, the additional costs to  
3 employers per employee due to implementation of and complying  
4 with a rule.

5 (6) Includes other relevant analysis requested by the  
6 administrative rules coordinator.

7 2. Prior to implementation of a rule, an agency shall  
8 take steps to minimize the adverse impact on jobs and  
9 the development of new employment opportunities due to  
10 implementation of the rule.

11 3. An agency shall provide a jobs impact statement to the  
12 administrative rules coordinator prior to publication of a  
13 notice of intended action or the publication of a rule without  
14 notice.

15 4. The jobs impact statement shall be published as part  
16 of the preamble to the notice of rulemaking in the Iowa  
17 administrative bulletin, unless the administrative rules  
18 coordinator determines that publication of the entire jobs  
19 impact statement would be unnecessary or impractical.

20 5. An agency shall accept comments and information  
21 from stakeholders prior to final preparation of the jobs  
22 impact statement. Any concerned private sector employer or  
23 self-employed individual, potential employer, potential small  
24 business, or member of the public may submit information  
25 relating to a jobs impact statement upon a request for  
26 information or prior to publication of a notice of intended  
27 action by an agency.

28 6. If a jobs impact statement is revised after a notice  
29 of intended action is published, the revised jobs impact  
30 statement shall be published as part of the preamble to the  
31 adopted version of the rule, unless the administrative rules  
32 coordinator determines that publication of the entire jobs  
33 impact statement would be unnecessary or impractical.

34 7. The analysis in the jobs impact statement shall give  
35 particular weight to jobs in production sectors of the economy

1 which includes the manufacturing and agricultural sectors of  
2 the economy and includes analysis, where applicable, of the  
3 impact of the rule on expansion of existing businesses or  
4 facilities.

5 8. The administrative rules coordinator may waive the jobs  
6 impact statement requirement for rules proposed on an emergency  
7 basis or if unnecessary or impractical.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill requires that every proposed rule under a notice  
10 of intended action or published without notice contain a jobs  
11 impact statement which outlines the objective and statutory  
12 authority of the rule and analyzes and sets out in detail  
13 the impact of the proposed rule on state agencies, local  
14 governments, the public, and the regulated entities, including  
15 regulated businesses and self-employed individuals affected by  
16 the rule. The statement must also determine whether a proposed  
17 rule would have a positive or negative impact on private sector  
18 jobs and employment opportunities.

19 As part of this requirement, an agency is required to  
20 take steps to minimize the adverse impact on jobs and the  
21 development of new employment opportunities before proposing  
22 a rule.

23 The administrative rules coordinator may waive the jobs  
24 impact statement requirement for emergency-filed rules or if  
25 unnecessary or impractical.